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**SECOND STATUS INQUIRY**

An application was filed on September 11, 2003. A status inquiry was filed on March 11, 2005, regarding the above-identified application. An answer to that inquiry was received on August 17, 2005 (a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience) indicating an expected date for an action in this case would be approximately fourteen (14) months, i.e. October 2005. However, as of this date, we have still not received an Official Action regarding this case. Inquiry is again made as to when an Action will be forthcoming. Please ensure this application is assigned customer number 23117 and all correspondence is sent to the address below.

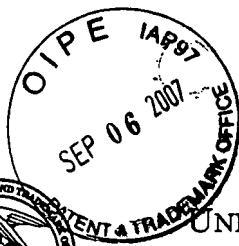
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